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SUBJFKT: JOURNALIST CONTACTS CONGEN WITH REPORT ON KAGNEW TWO

1. ON MORNING OF SEPT. 18, IAN MCDONALD, REUTERS
NEWS EDITOR WHO HAS BEEN VISITING ASMARA FOR SEVERAL
DAYS, AND WHOM I HAD BRIEFED ON BACKGROUND, TELEPHONED
TO CONGEN SEEKING COMMENT ON REPORT FROM UNNAMED SOURCE
THAT KAGNEW TWO HAD BEEN ABDUCTED BY PLF REPEAT
PLF AND WERE BEING TAKEN TO PLF STRONGHOLD AT BULAKYAT
(PHONETIC). ACCORDING TO SOURCE, BULAKYAT IS PLF
CAMP 170 MILES NORTHEAST OF ASMARA AND 17 MILES FROM
RED SEA, AND AS CAMP IS LOCATED IN GORGE AND PROTECTED
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BY ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY, IT IS CONSIDERED SECURE

LOCATION TO HOLD CAPTIVE AMERICANS. MCDONALD'S SOURCE
ALSO REPORTED THAT CAMPBELL AND HARRELL ARE BEING
HELD AT THIS SITE.

2. CONGEN IS NOT INCLINED TO PLACE MUCH CONFIDENCE
IN THIS REPORT AS LOCATION GIVEN BY UNNAMED SOURCE IS
IN NORTHERN SAHIL DISTRICT, DEEP IN WHAT HAS TRADITIONALLY
BEEN ELF REPEAT ELF-CONTROLLED TERRITORY.
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